

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-4, 7-9, 12, 14-19, 22-24, 27, 29-34, 37-39, 42 and 44-48 are pending in this application. The Office Action concedes that the subject matter of claims 13, 28 and 43 is allowable, but asserts that these claims are objectionable because they are dependent upon a rejected base claim.

The Office Action rejects claims 1-11, 14-26, 29-41, 44-45, 48 and 53-55 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Flynn (UK Patent No. 2,317,608). This rejection is moot as to claims 5-6, 10-11, 20-21, 25-26, 35-36, 40-41 and 53-55, which have been cancelled. Claims 1-4, 7-9, 14-19, 22-24, 29-34, 37-39, 44-45 and 48 include the features of the first channel having sealing beads disposed along the path of the first channel that extend beyond the surface. Flynn fails to disclose or suggest these features. As such, these claims are allowable.

The Office Action rejects claims 12, 27 and 42 under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being obvious over Flynn. Claims 12, 27 and 42 include the features of the first channel having sealing beads disposed along the path of the first channel that extend beyond the surface. Flynn fails to disclose or suggest these features. As such, these claims are allowable.

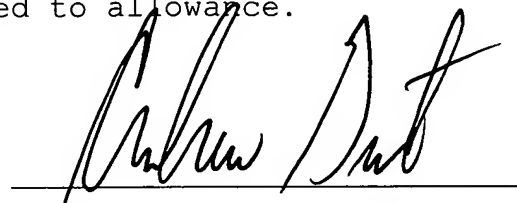
The Office Action rejects claims 46, 47 and 49-52 under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being obvious over Flynn in view of Proshan (US Patent No. 5,538,157) or Lukacevic (U.S. Patent No. 6,811,049). This rejection is moot as to claims 49-52, which have been cancelled. Claims 46 and 47 include the features of the first channel having sealing beads disposed along the path of the first channel that extend beyond the surface. Flynn, Proshan

and Lukacevic all fail to disclose or suggest these features.
As such, these claims are allowable.

In view of the foregoing, applicant respectfully submits that all claims present in this application are patentable over the cited prior art. Accordingly, applicant respectfully requests favorable reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of the claims. Also, applicant respectfully requests that this application be passed to allowance.

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